

out in California last fall, we were told the corporations are going to own the farms, the Orientals will manage the farms, the Spanish speaking people will work the farms and the rest of you are going to be service employees. I wonder if that is the trend that we are going to go to. I can't tell you that. Senator Labedz regarded a World Herald article, and so on, in the packing house, I can hand you one from my Grand Island Independent that is the same thing, Support of the Family Farmers. I just wish that we could address this fairly and not emotional and we are all here and should be here to do the best for the state. I relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, you have about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Nelson. I appreciate very much the chance to speak again. I want to point out again, it is kind of interesting, as I said before, in the 15 years that I killed this bill when it came before the committee I don't think I received that many letters saying, thanks, Loran, for a job well done. I got my fanny kicked from Scottsbluff to Omaha, from Falls City to Chadron, by some of my good friends and constituents. In all honesty, I would have to say that the majority of my constituents who support Initiative 300 probably never voted for me. A few of them have, I am sure. But I can tell you also that you can't find any group of people who are more dedicated to the idea that Initiative 300 has helped them. I disagree and I have told them so. I think it is kind of important that we still resolve these issues as much as we can on this floor. That was why perhaps I was in error not to put the bill out several times, but I will say this, the balconies used to be hanging full of people when we debated this issue, so it wasn't that we ignored it. I have, as I said before, some serious reservations about the repeal of Initiative 300 at this time because I think the prices of land are artificially depressed beyond...below what they should be. At the same time, I am fully aware that there are some problems with the Initiative because I have never agreed with it. I would like to see the chance to do some of the things that have been proposed by the study that has been proposed. And, as I have said earlier, sometimes we get so emotionally wrapped up in the certain number of a bill that we fail to recognize the truth and the sincerity of the arguments on both sides. It might well be that under more